

These notes refer to the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15) which received Royal Assent on 7th April 2005

SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2005

EXPLANATORY NOTES

THE ACT

Commentary on Sections

Schedule 1: The Serious Organised Crime Agency

Section 16: Inspections

98. [Section 16](#) sets out the arrangements whereby SOCA will be subject to inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectors of Constabulary. It also allows the Secretary of State to initiate an inspection (after consulting the Scottish Ministers in the case of an inspection covering SOCA's activities in Scotland). Where an inspection covers SOCA's activities in Scotland HMIC must conduct the inspection jointly with the Scottish inspectors. The section places a duty on the Secretary of State to make the report of an inspection public, subject to national security and other sensitivity considerations